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Whereas, Health care is an expanding portion of state budgets;

Whereas, Prescription medicines, which account for only 10 cents per health care dollar spent, are being used more frequently to treat diseases, including chronic diseases;

Whereas, Prescription medicines have an essential role in treating chronic diseases as do changes in personal behavior such as diet and exercise;

Whereas, America's pharmaceutical companies are responsible for the discovery and development of the majority of the new medicines available to patients in the United States and worldwide each year;

Whereas, New medicines save lives, improve health, and reduce many health care costs;

Whereas, Pharmaceutical companies have the most current information about all aspects of their medicines;

Whereas, Providers need to make decisions based on their knowledge of both medicines and individual patients;

Whereas, Patients and providers need the assurance that



providers have the most current information about treatment options available to make the best decisions about what specific medicine to prescribe;

Whereas, The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) believes that the private sector will provide the most patient-centered, efficient, innovative health care for Americans;

Whereas, PhRMA has adopted a revised Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals that explicitly affirms that pharmaceutical company "interactions with healthcare professionals are professional exchanges designed to benefit patients and to enhance the practice of medicine";

Whereas, PhRMA has provided a mechanism by which physicians, patients, and the general public can confirm whether an individual pharmaceutical company has agreed to abide by the PhRMA Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals; and

Whereas, The PhRMA Code on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals encourages companies to seek external verification that the company has policies and procedures in place to foster compliances with the Code: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly endorses the new
- 2 PhRMA code and commends PhRMA for its adoption of both the code
- 3 and the public system for identifying companies that have agreed to
- 4 abide by the code.

